

Minutes of a remote Parish Council Meeting
Of Broughton Parish Council
Held on Monday 8th March 2021 at 7.00pm

Councillors Present

Cllr Leech, Cllr Byrne, Cllr Howarth and Cllr Mills

Clerk to the Council, Mrs C Coles

21/16. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Hands (work)

21/17. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

No interests were declared.

21/18. Public participation session

There were no members of the public present.

21/19. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2021

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

21/20. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

Dog mess is still a problem in the village, just inside Danvers Close. The Chair will mark where it is happening.

Trees on Main Road – These are overhanging the road and there has been no update from the Estate yet. A double decker bus recently clipped a different tree. The Chair will report this one to Fix My Street.

Trees in the village car park – A letter was sent to the villager concerned and an on site meeting arranged with Cllr Mills. Concerns and points were discussed. The car park is an overflow car park for users of St Marys House. One car has been there a number of weeks and not moved. The Parish Council are aware of this car. They agreed that cars which are taxed and insured can park in the car park. There is a sign in the pub car park which is not worded properly. The Chair will get this changed. It was agreed there should be a car park sign outside St Marys House. The Chair will speak to Steve Cocks. Picnics have been held in the car park. The villager has said he is allowed to maintain a 3m privacy zone from his boundary fence into the car park. The Parish Council were not aware of this and will check the old paperwork. There are two trees, a cherry and hazel which will be dug up and disposed of. There is a green sprouting fern (yucca) which the villager would like to keep. This is placed further back. More care will be taken when the area is strimmed.

Litter – Cllr Mills will borrow a litter pick from the Chair to use when out walking.

Thames Water Tankers – These have been back and have gone again. Work is ongoing. There is a large hole near the sewage works. Sewage problems at Danvers Cottage have been reported. Thanks was given to Cllr George Reynolds for helping.

Dog barking at Hazelford Cottage – This was reported and has been dealt with by the CDC Dog Warden.

21/21. To approve the cost of a defibrillator for the village (details circulated)

The cost of an IPAD 1 defibrillator with a locked cabinet is £1425.00. London Hearts are offering £200.00 towards the cost.

A grant of £1500.00 has already been received from Cllr George Reynolds. There will be the cost of installation. It was agreed to place an order for an IPAD 1 with an external lockable cabinet. Another first aid training course will be arranged once it is possible and restrictions are eased.

Action: The Parish Clerk to order the defibrillator.

21/22. To discuss the replacement village notice-board

A quote had been received for a wooden board which was expensive. An alternative is to order an aluminium landscape board which is lockable and weatherproof. The cost is £620.00 & VAT. Councillors to look online at the options.

21/23. Financial Report

a) Update on bank balances

The Clerk reported an account balance of £9752.59.

The donation from Hook Norton Vets for the dog bin emptying is still outstanding from September. The idea of a new village sign may be considered later in the year.

b) The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

£330.98 to Parish Clerk (hours)

£21.65 to Parish Clerk (expenses)

£146.16 to OALC (subscription)

c) To consider a donation for the Volunteer Driver Service

A request has been received from Volunteer Driver Service who take people to essential appointments throughout Cherwell when there is no alternative transport available. The funding would be put towards PPE costs which amounts to £2000.00 per month. It was agreed not to give a donation as it would set a precedent.

21/24. To receive an update on Planning

An update was given on an older application.

- *21/00175/F, Single Storey rear extension (retrospective) at 1 Danvers Road.* No comment by Parish Council. CDC will make the final decision.

21/25. The following correspondence was received and circulated:

- Trust For Oxfordshire Environment (TOE), Seeking New Chair
- Highways, Temporary Road Closure and No Waiting – A4260 Junction with Farmfield Road to Junction Twyford Road (April). A notice has been placed on the notice-board.
- CDC, Covid Community Outbreak Management Fund

21/26. To receive Councillors Reports

A villager has offered to sand and varnish the bench in Jubilee Gardens. It will be unscrewed and delivered to him.

A new Speedwatch rota will be drawn up.

Action: The Chair to email Tim Hewlett at Hornton to arrange.

The silhouette soldier was discussed and details circulated. The cost is £175.00. It was agreed one should be ordered to read 'Lest We Forget'.

Action: The Parish Clerk to order.

The church wall between Bier House and the Cattle Grid was discussed as concern was expressed about the instability of it and it collapsing. Some repair work has taken place already. The Estate have agreed to pay for the repair work. It was agreed to give permission for the work to continue to stop any visitors from getting injured.

Action: The Parish Clerk to inform Martin Fiennes.

21/27. Date and Time of next meeting

Monday 26th April 2021 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.